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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mark D. Markel Art Unit : 3739
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated March 12, 2003, be extended for three months to and including September 12, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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